

International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14-B

Fourth Cabinet Meeting
June 1, 2003
Western PA School for Blind Children
Pittsburgh, PA

The meeting was called to order at 12:56P.M. by District Governor Ken Lloyd with a verse of America and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation by PDG Bob Johnson Jr.

District Cabinet Secretary Greg Borichevsky took roll call. The attached sheet indicates members that were in attendance, absent, or excused. District Governor Ken welcomed everyone to the Fourth Cabinet Meeting.

DG Ken mentioned that at the State convention that International President Kay Fukushima presented IPDG Mike Vudragovich with a Presidential Award the second highest award at the International Level. Also VDGE Dennis McCarthy received a Leadership Award the third highest award. We are proud that they received these awards. International President Kay Fukushima mentioned at the International Banquet: Why are members not reading the Lion's International Magazine. There is a communication breakdown; our members are not reading the International magazine, the PA Pride, The District newsletters and even their own club newsletters. DG Ken would like you to report back to your clubs of the wealth of information in these publications. International President Kay Fukushima also commented about the way we do business that we must change the way we do things. We are in membership crisis; we need to get new members.

I am proud of the Cabinet members, zone chairs and committee chairs that were all focused and all have done an outstanding job. Especially Lion Joe Molinero and the Eye Screening program more children have been photo eyed screened this year than in the history of the District. And also our Eye Glass Collection due to Lion Jason Altimire's efforts. Thanks to my club the Cheswick-Springdale Lions Club for the things that they have done over the past year. Thanks also to all the PDGs and their help.

Protocol was established.

DG Ken introduced a guest to the meeting Melody Miller, who is here to talk about health care for the homeless program. On any given night there are about 2,000 homeless. The homeless are a diverse group consisting of men, women and children both young and old. Health care for the homeless attempts to reach each person regardless of their age or race or for whatever reason that they are homeless. Healthcare for the homeless provides access to comprehensive health services through on-site clinics to all homeless. My purpose here today is to ask Lions Clubs to support in helping the homeless. With the Lions Club devotion in helping the Vision impaired and HCH mission to serve the

homeless. I believe we can form a bond to help many more Pittsburghers see well. Brochures are available describing the health care the homeless program. Thanks from DG Ken to Melody Miller for the presentation. This will be referred to Long Range Planning and could possibly be a project for DGE Rich Keller and VDGE Dennis McCarthy.

Secretary's Report Greg Borichevsky

Copies of February 9, 2003 Cabinet meeting are available. Anyone else still interested in receiving the minutes by e-mail let me know your e-mail address and I will e-mail future Cabinet meeting minutes to you. Motion made by DGE Rich Keller to accept minutes of February meeting. 2nd by IPDG Mike Vudragovich. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report District Treasurer PDG Harold Fletcher

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002	\$3,640.57
Total Receipts	\$9,803.84
Total Cash Available.....	\$13,444.41
Total Disbursements	\$10,932.73
Ending Balance June 1, 2003.....	\$2,511.68

Four Clubs have not paid their dues for the second half of the year.

Blind Activities Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002	\$26,288.45
Total Receipts	\$21,054.03
Total Cash Available.....	\$47,342.48
Disbursements.....	\$36,038.36
Ending Balance June 1, 2003.....	\$11,304.36

Comment on Blind Bowlers account ending balance should be increased by \$1,260.00 because of a NSF check; we are working to correct this.

Question by Lion Barb Schimmel on the Center for Creative Play. The Deaf/ Blind Club has \$2,000 for the Center for Creative Play. DG Ken stated that they should turn in the money to the District so that PDG Sylvan Lang and PDG Jack Schimmel can apply for a matching grant from the PA Lions Foundation. Total in the District would be \$4,675.00. DG Ken would like to try to solicit clubs again.

PDG Harold also stated the Night with the Pirates was a huge success. 850 Tickets sold. Those clubs that would rather make a donation to Beacon Lodge than buy Pirate tickets please send their donations to the District. When the Pirates send us the proceeds we will combine it with the other donations and send one check to Beacon Lodge.

Motion made by Lion Maryann Dayton to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Lion Jim Brubaker. Motion passed.

Zone Chair Reports

Region 1 Zone A Chair Harold Stitt

Absent No Report

Region 1 Zone B Chair Paul Guido (written report)

Coraopolis Lions Club gave a Certificate of Appreciation to Christina Procolo who collected used eyeglasses for the Club. A plaque was given to Lion Richard Costello for serving as President in 2001-2002. A plaque was given to Lion Fred Trello for his service as a legislator for which he retired after 28 years. Lion Fred Trello by the House of Representatives gave a citation to Lion Larry Spezialetti for 40 years of service to the Lions. Donations were given to the Coraopolis library and the Salvation Army for the Easter Egg Hunt. More sites are being looked at for eyeglass donations sites.

Imperial Lions Club the student of the month for January 2003 was J. Shields. DG Ken visited the club Feb. 25 and the student of the month was Justin Wiessert. They gave about 1,000 pairs of glasses to DG Ken. The March student of the month was Kaitlin Serasena and in April was Casey Antenucci.

Sto-Ken-Rox Lions Club name change was approved by the International on February 26. White Cane Day was held on May 10. Made available a walker and wheelchair to 2 seniors.

West Allegheny Lions Club held a Christmas Dinner at Tonidale Restaurant after a trip to Allegheny Valley School for Exceptional Children Annual Christmas Program

I held a combined Joint Zone meeting for Zone A&B on March 13. The Robinson Lions hosted it and PID Carl Battistone was the speaker. Made visits to the West Allegheny Lions club and North Boroughs Lions clubs as Zone Chair.

Comments by DG Ken; Cindy Mancini has been selected to the All-State Band and is going to the International Convention in Denver. The Robinson Township Lions Club is supporting her and is paying her fee.

Region 2 Zone A Chair Jim Brubaker (written report)

Ten from Region 2A attended the Leadership training on May 3. Fifteen from the region attended the State Convention and helped elect our District Governor Rich Keller and VDG Dennis McCarthy. Sorry to report that 18 of our members in region passed away this past year.

Clairton had 20 members attend a dinner honoring Lion Larry Carral as citizen of the year.

Glass port club secretary Lion Patrick McGhen passed away March 15, 2003. Lion Elmer Kruzed is acting secretary reporting since December. Glassport club repaired a memorial Fountain and replaced lights.

Jefferson Hills started a new project selling AAA-AA-C-D and 9V batteries. Their Fiftieth Anniversary Party is scheduled for June 20th at the Georgetown Center.

Liberty Boro donated \$500.00 to the Volunteer Firefighters for a CO detector.

McKeesport hosted the first joint meeting of Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of McKeesport and White Oak to develop collaborative efforts to benefit these communities

on April 8th. The McKeesport club with the Pleasant Hills club conducted monthly citrus sales thru April. Attending the meeting today is out-going President Geoff Temple and in coming President Wayne Severson.

West Mifflin had 200 people attend the Spaghetti Dinner and Pancake Breakfast.

Region 2 Zone B Chair Marge Yurechko

Absent No Report

Region 3 Zone A&B Chair VDGE Dennis McCarthy (written report)

Second half of the year due to scheduling conflicts I have not been able to visit all the clubs but I have been in contact with them.

Swissvale is officially closed.

Monroeville Leo Club is doing well but would like a brother or sister Leo Club to hang out with because 14-B does not have another Leo Club. They donated \$60.00 to Beacon Lodge Braille Trail.

Oakland Club hosted a joint zone meeting. Guest speakers were Lion Bob Cass who showed a video on the Western PA School for Blind Children and PDG Sylvan Lang who spoke about the PA Lion Foundation.

Pittsburgh Deaf/Blind club will do a joint fundraiser with a host club that will be an art auction.

Region 4 Zone A Chair Maryann Dayton (written report)

Our third and last joint Zone meeting was held on April 8 at Gaetano's Restaurant hosted by the Grandview Lions Club. We have two speakers: PDG Mike Vudragovich on Beacon Lodge and Ann Mayhew for the Center for Creative Play. Both were well received and applauded for their work on these 2 great projects.

Since our last Cabinet meeting, all Clubs have been active and doing great. They have held raffles, Mote Carlo Nights, flea markets. White Cane Days, bingo fundraisers. Fish fries. Health fairs, citrus sales, selling garbage bags and donating monies in their own communities and to Lion's charities.

I would like to thank the Clubs for their support in the last year and I look forward to serving them and the District next year.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Governor Ken for his hard work and also good luck to Governor Elect Rich Keller in his upcoming year.

Region 4 Zone Chair Jim Engel (written report)

I am happy to report all clubs were active this year. Donating to Lion's charities, Leader Dog, Beacon Lodge, Center for Creative Play, Blind Bowlers, Western PA Hearing Foundation just to mention a few.

In their communities they work their magic: buying eyeglasses, donating monies to Meals on Wheels, library for kids summer reading program, sponsoring children's baseball and campers to go the Beacon Lodge this summer.

And they did one more thing Region 4 Zone B added 6 members.

Leader Dog Chair Jim Engel (written report)

As of April 30, 2003, 17 Lions clubs from District 14-B donated a total of \$9,400 to the Leader Dog School.

That puts District 14-B in 3rd place behind Districts A&G. We still have to the end of June to move up to 1st place.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as Leader Dog Chairman this year and I'm looking forward to serving again next year. Thanks to all the clubs for their support. Comments by DG Ken Leader Dog has a fantastic support system. They will do whatever possible to help every applicant. Leader Dog depends on the clubs support.

Beacon Lodge Chair Tom Hurrell (written report)

In reference to Beacon Lodge Camp Lion Year 2002-2003 was a great year for District 14-B Here are the highlights:

IPDG Mike Vudragovich was elected camp treasurer. Zone Chair Dennis McCarthy secured \$3,935 to replace the Braille Trail Markers. Approximately \$3,600 was our profit margin from Lions Night with the Pirates. At low-end priority \$2,425 was accrued for renovation of 14-B Dormitory. This project will receive high priority in 2003-2004 (the last three projects totaled \$9,960).

Saturday July 5th is Lions Night with the Pittsburgh River Hounds. This will generate additional dollars for Beacon Lodge.

Although Lions Night with the Pirates and Riverhounds was intended as a fundraiser, the events also receive high order publicity concerning our Camp as well as our organization. We have made contact with many clubs with our slide presentation either on an individual club basis or via zone meetings. The total effect of this effort will not be realized until after June 30th when all donations to the administrative fund, the 365 Club and camper sponsorships are totaled for 2002-2003. We have also expanded our slide library to approximately 100 slides. This gives us the capability of picking and choosing slides to fit a particular request or situation.

Last but not least, voted upon and approved at the State Convention at Williamsport, Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp is now a State Project.

Personally speaking, I would like to thank Governor Ken for allowing me to serve as Beacon Lodge Chair and to Lions Mike and Dennis for being mentors as well as great friends.

Blind Bowlers Chair DGE Rich Keller (written report)

This years Keystone Bowlers Tournament was a success thanks to the Lions, Lioness of District 14-B. The turn out for the three days of the tournament was great. For those two days we had plenty of help. A total of 100 bowlers attended the tournament. I just want to thank all the clubs that came and worked at the bowling lanes and all of you that were there. As of today I have received donations from 33 clubs totaling \$2,475.

I would like to thank those Lions for the time they spent at the Tournament so very early in the morning on Saturday and Sunday setting up rails they never stop having fun which help make the Tournament more enjoyable for me.

A full and final financial report is available upon request.

Comments by DGE Rich Keller. We got a NSF check from Blind Bowlers people, which were a transfer error, which will be fixed up by weeks end.

MERLO Team Report Chair DGE Rich Keller (written report)

All Regions in the District have had the overview training from the MERLO team. The MERLO team held the District Officer training and new member orientation on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at the Western PA School for Blind Children.

70 Lions attended the training from the District.

I want to thank PDG Pauline Waide, PDG Jack Schimmel, PDG Harold Fletcher, PDG Mike Vudragovich, Lion George Burgess and Lion Doris Irr for all their hard work before, during and after the Leadership Seminar.

I believe that this will be the start of Annual District training
VDGE Dennis McCarthy will chair this team next year.

Chaplin Rev. Jamison Hardy

Excused. No Report

Convention Chair Chris Tognarine

Absent. No Report

Diabetes Awareness/Research Chair PDG Clarence Thomas (written report)

The Lions Diabetes Treatment and Education Center of UPMC McKeesport has a display table at the PA State Convention in Williamsport. Several pamphlets and fact sheets concerning diabetes were displayed and distributed. Copies of the distributed articles are attached to this report and are available upon request.

The UPMC McKeesport 26th Annual Invitational will be on July 26-27. On Sunday July 27 is the "Christmas in July Fashion Show" and Luncheon. On Monday, July 28 is the tennis and swimming or golf AM or PM shotgun events at the Youghioghney Country Club. A copy of the required forms is attached and available upon request.

Also coming is the 2nd Annual Auction for Diabetes Center and in December we will have "Christmas Around the World" with Pure Gold as Entertainment.

District Phone Auditor Dave Finley

Absent. No Report

Extension Chair Doris Irr

Excused. No Report

**Pgh Hearing Conservation/PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation
Chair Richard Costello**

Absent. No report.

Center for Hearing/Deaf Services Chair Alison Weber (written report)

Since last report the District 14-B Lions Club Fund at HDS has helped 3 people: 2 reconditioned hearing aids and 2 hearing aid repairs. A check from the Northside Lions Club in the amount of \$275.00 was received to reimburse the fund, There is approximately \$150.00 left in the fund. The Center for Hearing and Deaf Services is in the process of selecting a new CEO. I am not sure what that means for the agency or me or how the Lions Club funds will be handled.

Discussion by PDG Jack Schimmel that we need to inform Lions Clubs in our District on what the Center for the Hearing/Deaf Services does and maybe there will be more donations every year to build up that fund.

Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Chair PID Carl Battistone (written report)

The Western Pennsylvania Hearing Foundation last met on April 27, 2003 at the Eye and Ear Institute. The next meeting will occur on July 13, 2003.

During our State Convention, International President Kay Fukushima spoke briefly about negotiations in progress to obtain a contractor to manufacture hearing aids for sale for about \$50 - \$80.00. The hearing aids will be made available to clients aided by Lions and also for Lions themselves. No word on when this will happen.

The Foundation thanks all the Clubs for their generous donations in the past and requests that you remember us when you allocate your donations this year.

Attached is a resume of my hearing aid assistance activity this includes donations. It is available upon request. I thank the Governor for his year of service and for letting me serve on his Cabinet.

PID Carl Battistone commented on the great work that the Pittsburgh Vision Services does.

Information Technology Chair Jim Hartman

Absent. No Report

International Understanding CO-OP Chair Joseph Julian (written report)

No Activity this period.

Leadership Development Chair George Burgess

The MERLO team did most of what I want to report. I want to thank the MERLO team for all the work on the seminar. Thanks to DG Ken and VDG Rich for letting me serve. For those of you who volunteered for the next year's seminar I will be in contact with you.

Comments by DG Ken that all the feedback on the seminar was positive and we need to continue this.

Membership Chair PDG Pauline Waide

Present. No report.

Newsletter Editor Chair Gail Titus excused (written report)

Report read by DG Ken. As of now, eight people have signed up for the email newsletter. Since we send out 180 newsletters each month, this is not a large percentage. Currently, I am sending these eight people the newsletter in print and email. The file size is now much smaller that it was for the initial mailing. I have worked with graphic formats and can now deep the size under 500 kb. The April issue was 378kb and the May issue was 328kb.

I would like to ask my fellow Lions who have email to reconsider how they receive their newsletter. When we have 20-25 people requesting email I will begin maintaining two lists. Until then, everyone will receive the print newsletter.

On a personal note, I would like to thank DG Ken for arranging for me to receive the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. I'm sorry I was out of town during the Spring Rally. My husband Lion Jim tells me it was a wonderful event.

I have enjoyed working with DG Ken and look forward to doing the DG Newsletter with DGE Rich Keller next year.

Coordinator of District Activities Chair Barb Schimmel (written report)

Let me take this time to say thank you to DG Ken and his wife Mary for the opportunity to serve on this Cabinet as Coordinator of Activities. I am sure that during the course of the year DG Ken cringed when he saw an email or phone message from me however he knew it was for his own good. Like any team there were times when we disagree and then be in agreement. Again thank you DG Ken it has been a pleasure.

Spring Party Report

Held on Saturday, April 26 at the Holiday Inn RIDC Park, Blawnox. We are pleased to say that there were 108 in attendance with approximately 20 clubs represented. Cabinet Treasurer has the financial portion of the Spring Rally in his report. The guest speaker, ID Scott Neely of West Virginia was indeed a very interesting person both on a one on one meeting as well as a speech deliverer. We thank him for his presence. Also attending was the State Council Chairman. PDG Ray Rohrbach and his wife Linda.

I personally would like to thank all who participated in this event and thanks to Lion Pauline Waide who also helped so much. Also thanks to PDG Jack for doing a great job as MC.

DG Ken and Mary thank you for a wonderful year and we hope that you will not be strangers to this District.

DG Ken comments; thank you Barb for all your work as coordinator. DG Ken also read a thank you letter from ID Scott Neely to District 14-B for the Spring Rally. DG Ken read two items listed on the visitation report that ID Scott Neely sent to the International. He said that the District has many programs and activities in place however their intense enthusiastic interest in these programs make them all outstanding. Under his personal comments of recommendations he stated that his Cabinet members are talented and dedicated I would consider this an excellent rally. DG Ken thanked all the Cabinet for their hard work.

PA Lion Foundation Chair PDG Sylvan Lang (written report)

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Financial Position -Cash Basis of the International Association of Lions Club, District 14-B (a not for profit Organization) as of June 30, 2002 and related Statements of Activities, These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examine evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for opinion. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of District 14-B as of June 30, 2002. The only questionable activity is the location of the roses PDG Sandy Piazza purchased for the District 14-B. Motion to accept auditors report by DGE Rich Keller 2nd by Lion Jim Brubaker. Motion Passed

Under the PA Lions Foundation I would like to see more of the Cabinet members join the PA Foundation. It is \$10.00 a year and I have the cards to join. Please see me.

Recognition of Guests here Today

President Wayne Severson and Lion Geoff Temple from the Pleasant Hills Lions Club. Lion Mike Quinn and President Dick Matthews from the Elfinwild Lions Club. Lions International has taken on the project of Special Olympics and Mike is very involved in it and does a good job. We are going to eye screen all the children athletes. From the Cheswick-Springdale Lions Clubs we have Incoming President King Lion Elect Keith Long, Lion Matthew Borichevsky and long time member Lion Jim Kerr.

Parliamentarian Chair Jack Schimmel

I want to remind the Cabinet and next years Cabinet, no District fundraiser or District project can be conducted without Cabinet approval. There was not permission given by the Cabinet for the Riverhounds to solicit 14-B. Even if it is for Beacon Lodge. I want to remind you that you are all the voices for the Lions in Allegheny County and if you don't approve it, it doesn't happen. Directing comments to the voting members of the Cabinet. Projects should be brought before the Cabinet.

The State Convention in Williamsport 14-B had 26 votes cast there were no negative votes for either DGE Rich or VDGE Dennis.

All 4 resolutions on the ballet passed.

The 1st resolution for an advisor to become a non-voting member of the Cabinet passed 314-28 a 91% margin.

The 2nd resolution for creating the position of protocol chairmen that vote passed by a 81% margin.

The 3rd resolution outlining the duties of the protocol chair passed by 79%.

The 4th resolution was to make the Beacon Lodge a State project passed 312-30.

They will be put in the State Constitution. The State Pride editor was not reappointed so they are looking for a person to be the editor. Those who didn't go this year please reconsider things are changing. The seminars this year were packed. Next year the

convention will be held in Scranton. Thank you to DG Ken for the opportunity to serve with you.

Peace Poster Chair Lou Hoetzlein

Absent. No report

Public Relations Chair Eileen Markowitz (written report)

I have nothing new to report today. I am constantly emailing to our local papers events, but they tell me that what I want to report on is not news, it belongs in a newsletter not a newspaper. We are not doing something that would catch the public's eye.

Sight Conservation Coordinator Jason Altimire

I have been traveling the circuit and had a great time at the Blue Flame talking about eyeglass collection and other issues. I look forward to talking to other clubs. Thank you to Elfinwild Club for coming to our joint meeting with the Rotary. There were 6 Lion Clubs and 6 Rotary clubs. I have visited Rotary clubs explaining our sight conservation things. Thank you to DG Ken for coming to our joint meeting.

DG Ken Comments We have collected around 40,000 pair of eyeglasses.

Eye Prosthesis Chair PDG Robert Friend (written report)

I have some good news and bad news. We did have one free eye this year from Mr. Tillman. But we had a request from 14-N DG Fred Isabella. This young man Shaun Buckley from Aliquippa was working on his car and was hit in his eye with the tool he was using. The family had no insurance I talked to DG Ken and the decision was we should help him receive his eye prosthesis. I believe through this generous gift and help of so many we were able to provide a new life for this young man. This is what Lionism is all about. The family of Shaun Buckley were so pleased and thankful. It makes you feel great to be a Lion.

Now for the bad news. The free eye prosthesis we were getting from Mr. Tillman was based on the calendar year not the Lion's year. For the balance of 2003 we have no more free eye prosthesis. This may change later I hope. But as of this report we have no free eye prosthesis in 2003. If anyone needs any eyes this year we can get it at a reduced cost. Eyes normally run between \$2500 and \$3000.

Pittsburgh Vision Services Chair Mary Beth Chester (written report)

Continuing to receive donations to our agency from the clubs in District 14-B

Throughout the year PVS employees made presentations at the following Lions Clubs: Murrsville, Elfinwild, Mt. Lebanon, Upper St. Clair, Monaca.

Pittsburgh Vision Services has taken on a new project in the PBA Industries. With their contract with Penn Dot and the completion of road signs they are now able to complete the silk screening of the signs at PVS. They are in the process now of looking for additional contracts with local and state companies to do the silk screening of signs.

In April we initiated a Case Management approach where all individuals receiving services come through one door, receive a Case Manager who will help them understand all the services PVS has to offer and helps them receive anything, which they need.

Pittsburgh Vision Services continues to find ways to increase the services and support that they provide to individuals who are vision impaired or blind. If a club is interested in hearing about specific services that the agency has to offer, should contact our public education department or can contact me directly.

Side note from Pittsburgh Deaf/Blind Club with the Center for Creative Play I want to thank all the clubs who have donated and DG Ken for your help to get additional funding.

Radio Information Chair Sam DePiero (written report)

Radio Information Service now has a new director Elizabeth Yaruss who started last month. She will direct all operations and be in charge of fundraising. The station has four full time employees and two part-timers and of course over two hundred volunteers. On May 20th five-25 year, four-20 year and 2-10 year volunteers were honored at a dinner at the Sheridan Hotel Station Square.

Again this year the State will reduce the amount given to RIS by about \$8,000.00 to around \$35,000.00. In a few years the legislature said that they will not fund any radio reading services. So I hope that the Lions of 14-B will continue donating to RIS. I am happy to report that the clubs have donated through April \$5,925.00.

Tail Twister Chair James Emery

We had 350 whether woods passed out. We had a good time at the convention.

LCIF/Long Range Planning Chair IPDG Mike Vudragovich (written report)

Long Range Planning no report

LCIF In last month's newsletter I put a list of clubs that already have funds designated for Melvin Jones Fellowships. Some fellowships are already paid for and a recipient has not been designated. Other clubs still need to make additional contributions to complete the funding for the fellowship. I do have a list of clubs with me and the amounts donated for anyone who is interested.

Be sure to remember LCIF in your donations this year. Contributions are down because of the situation and economy worldwide. However the need for donations is still there, especially in the area of disaster relief as we've recently seen here with the tornadoes and other recent in our own country as well as the recent earthquakes overseas.

USACANADA Lions Leadership Forum. The forum is scheduled for September 18-21 in Portland Oregon. It's a great experience and I encourage everyone to go. The seminars and keynote speakers are excellent and you will have a wonderful opportunity to meet Lions from all over the USA and Canada. It's a great place to exchange ideas and meet new friends.

Also thanks to those who supported Beacon Lodge Pirates Night. Close to \$4,000.00 raised. Thanks to DG Ken for serving with him this year.

DG Kens Comments

The Coraopolis Lions and the Sto-Ken-Rox Lions Club joined together for installation of officers. PDG Jack Shimmel was MC.

The following Lions received Melvin Jones Fellowships from their clubs Coraopolis Lions Fred Snyder, John Petrosillo and Larry Spezialetta, from Sto-Ken-Rox Lion Hubert

Nolte. Lion Fred Synder received a 50 year Monarch Award and a citation from the Commonwealth of PA by State representative Lion Nick Kotik for 50 years as a member of the Sto-Ken-Rox club.

New Business

Lion Jim Brubaker mentions that the Blind Convention in July needs help. There is a training session June 14 at the Westin William Penn Hotel. DG Ken will contact Lion Elizabeth Irr to see if the Leo Club would want to help. It would be a good project for clubs to help support the people at the convention.

PDG Jack Schimmel states that we need an appointment to the audit committee. Present members are PDG Bob Friend, PDG Pauline Waide we need a third member. IPDG Mike Vudragovich is appointed to the audit committee.

Diabetes Awareness Certificate of Service is presented to PDG Clarence "Skip" Thomas in recognition of outstanding District leadership in furthering the program of diabetes awareness.

Award was presented to Lion Barb Schimmel for her club the Pgh Deaf/Blind. The Lions Club Community and Culture Activity Award and patch for their banner.

Year in Growth program for the International. PDG Sylvan Lang is entitled a Year in Growth pin because he brought in 3 new members as per the record from the International.

International President's Certificate of Appreciation the fourth highest award that you can receive from the International was awarded to Lion Jim Brubaker and our secretary Lion Greg Borichevsky from the Cheswick-Springdale Lions Club, Lion Jason Altimire from the North Allegheny Lions Club and finally DGE Rich Keller who has served the District well

Lion Mary Beth Chester and PDG Robert Friend received the Districts Chairpersons Award. Thank you for your Service.

Vice District Governor Richard Keller Remarks

Things to come for next year. No more Sunday Cabinet meetings they will be on Saturday mornings. Second that was brought up by Secretary Greg and Lion Gail emails. If you have an e-mail address we will use it this will save the District a lot of postage costs. If you don't have an email we will still send it snail mail. We are going to hold true to a lot of traditions in the District but also think outside the box. Under PR if we sell out the Pirate game then I bet the newspapers would promote it. I have talked to other incoming governors from the western part of the state and because Beacon Lodge is a State project now it will be a great effort to push this project from the western part of the state.

See me if you need M&A reports.

On behalf of the Cabinet and myself thank you for a great year.

Remarks for the Good of Lionism

PDG Harold Fletcher thanked the Governor for being able to serve with him. Would like other Cabinet members to consider running in the future for DG.

District Governors Ken Closing Comments

We have done some great things this year like the used eyeglass collection. We still have to work on the Center for Creative Play and possibly work with Melody's group. That is what we are supposed to do work with the blind and those who need our help. I would like to thank everyone and invite them to a picnic outside.

Remember the International in Denver Colorado June 30-July 4, 2003

Benediction by PDG Bob Johnson Jr.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cabinet 14-B Secretary

Greg Borichevsky